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In the area of global optimization, we have analyzed the necessary and sufficient condition for the simulated annealing algorithm to hit the global minimum with probability. This entailed the development of a new theory of balance of recurrence orders for time-inhomogeneous Markov chains.

In the area of adaptive control and filtering, we have developed the first convergence theory for least-squares based adaptive control - the most popular scheme. We have also developed a theory of parallel model adaptation which resolves the question of convergence of the output error identification and adaptive IIR filtering algorithms, which has been an open probem for about a decade now. Also we have proposed new algorithms for adaptive feedforward control and adaptive active noise cancelling, and developed their analysis. We have applied for a patent on the latter scheme. In the area of robustness, we have shown that the simple modification of projecting the parameter estimates to stay in a compact convex set gives robustness not only with respect to bounded disturbances but also unmodeled dynamics. This resolves a question open for more than a decade.

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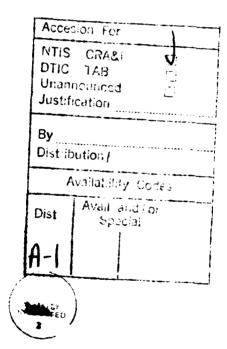
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1. FOREWORD

In this contract, we have conducted research on, and obtained several important results in the areas of adaptive control, filtering and signal processing and global optimization.

4A. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM STUDIED

We have examined three major problem areas. First, we have analyzed the simulated annealing algorithm for global optimization. Second, we have studied the asymptotic performance of several algorithms for adaptive control filtering and signal processing. Third, we have studied how to obtain robustness of adaptation algorithms to ever present unmodeled dynamics and disturbances.

4B. SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULTS

Simulated annealing with temperature cooling gives rise to a Markov chain with time-inhomogeneous transition probabilities. We developed a new concept of "orders of recurrence," and created a new theory of "balance of recurrence orders" to analyze such Markov chains. This notion of balance is completely different from usual balance, which equates flux in and out of every spatial region in equilibrium. Our balance theory is across time, not space, and is the first such for time-varying processes. As a consequence of this theory, we have determined the necessary and sufficient condition on the cooling rate in order for simulated annealing to hit the global minimum with probability one; see [1].

In the area of adaptive control, we have developed the first convergence analysis of any stochastic adaptive controller using a recursive least squares parameter estimator in Gaussian noise, an open question since 1973. It should be noted that recursive least squares is by far the more popular choice in comparison with gradient based schemes; see [2]. We have also developed a performance analysis for pole-zero placement schemes, and generalized certainty equivalent controllers.

We have developed a comprehensive theory of adaptation for parallel model schemes. This includes the establishment of stability and optimality of output error identification and adaptive IIR filtering algorithms, an open question for more than a decade. We have proposed new algorithms for adaptive feedforward control, a major practical application area, and adaptive active noise cancelling;

see [3]. For the latter scheme, the university has applied for a patent. We believe the problem of noise control is a major growth area in the coming decades.

In the area of robustness enhancement and analysis, we have shown that by simply projecting the parameter estimates onto a compact convex set, we can obtain robustness of adaptive algorithms with respect to both bounded disturbances as well as small unmodeled dynamics; see [4]. Such effects are always present in any practical application, and this has been a major area of adaptive systems research for the past nine years. Our work proving that such a simple modification gives robustness, shows that the several modifications proposed by researchers over the past nine years are unnecessary.

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